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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 31, 2008, Applicants submits the following comments.

REMARKS

The Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance appears to make reference to statements made by Applicant's attorney in papers filed on July 11, 2007 and on December 4, 2007. Applicant agrees that the recited programmable beamformer integrated circuit provides a patentable feature of the allowed claims. This provides a number of important advantages including the ability to control a variable delay setting for the beamforming integrated circuit. This also provides the option of using the system in different scanning modes as well as many other advantages.

The beamforming device can also be fabricated in a single integrated circuit or with a plurality of integrated circuits on one or more circuit boards.

Respectfully submitted,

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